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Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL)

The fall season has brought some exciting initiatives to AVRL. Currently the eight week family/community literacy project *Share the Stories Reading Circle* is underway at the Wolfville Memorial Library. The project involves designated parents, grandparents, teens and young children who meet at the Branch once a week to read stories to one another, play games, and create simple crafts together. The initiative seeks to help budding readers strengthen their literacy skills in a one-on-one setting with community volunteers and to provide families of different nationalities living in the community opportunities to practice reading in English as their second language, strengthening their overall language skills. This program is funded by Coca-Cola Canada and facilitated by ABC Canada Literacy Foundation. Total funds are $2,500, to be used for books, magazines, craft supplies and guest readers/authors.

A second initiative has been the *Adopt-a-Library Literacy* project undertaken by community policing officer Angie Gibson of Kentville. The program was first developed by RCMP Constable John Kennedy and PARL.. The project is geared to children of all ages, including teens, and its primary goal is to promote literacy in youth. Community businesses have donated items to be used as prizes and incentives to encourage children to visit their local libraries. Cash donations and fund-raising to buy children's books is another key component of the program. The project is in its early stages with partnerships yet to be developed.

A $2,000 project donation from the Canadian Federation of University Women has allowed AVRL to host visits from three children's authors. Author/artist Laura Jolicoeur gave readings and clay workshops in four libraries during September; author Joanne Taylor visited Kentville Branch for a reading and calendar-creating workshop; Sylvia Gunnery offered presentations and writing workshops to children at the Hantsport Library/School; and

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AVRL held a necklace-making workshop in Annapolis Royal, in conjunction with Arts Festival events.

Public Library Week, October 20-26, was celebrated with various activities and events. Several branches participated in *Celebrities-in-your-Library* days where local celebrities assisted front line staff and chatted with library patrons. Celebrities included artists, authors, a mayor, firefighters, police officers, library board members, etc. The event was lots of fun and offered a little notoriety for both the library and the celebrities. Other activities during the week included a scavenger hunt and pumpkin carving.

TD Canadian Children's Book Week was November 1-8 with author Frieda Wishinsky scheduled to offer readings in the Annapolis Royal, Lawrencetown and Wolfville Libraries. AVRL staff accompanied the author to four school readings.

Branch service staff attended a workshop at the Bridgetown office in November where they were introduced to the new Windows XP software which will soon be available on all branch computers.

Mobile Branches

A higher speed connection will be required before AVRL can use the new integrated library system Unicorn, on the buses. 1xRT wireless communications technology is scheduled to cover the province before the end of 2004. The timing of this upgrade is ideal. AVRL would like to try this on the Mobile Branch East bus, which presently has coverage with the 1xRT service. A pilot project in the next six months would assist in preparations for the upcoming changes to the automated system.

Smart Libraries Project

Discussions have begun on what the future of the *Smart Libraries Project* might be. The program, which has been developed would be beneficial to library systems of many different types. Further development and maintenance of the site will be possible through the sale of the program. Present funding from the *Smart Communities Demonstration Project* concludes at the end of January.

Cumberland Regional Library (CURL)

There were lots of activities in all CURL Branches during *Public Library Week*. These included readings at the branches in Pugwash and Amherst with author Donna Morrissey, a puppet show, Halloween parties in Springhill and Amherst, scrapbooking in River Hebert, an open house in Parrsboro, and storytimes in Oxford and Advocate. Local celebrities who checked out books in Amherst included an RCMP officer, fire chief, DJ and town councillor.

Author Donna Morrissey surrounded by CURL's Beth Clinton and Frances Newman.

CURL staff dressed up as literary characters during *Public Library Week*.

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new wheelchair ramp and automatic door at the Springhill Library was held on November 12 with MLA Murray Scott in attendance. The ramp was made possible with funds from an Accessibility Grant.

Jolene Shaw has been hired as CURL's new Systems Librarian and will start work in January. Jolene is currently finishing her MLIS at the University of Western Ontario and previously worked for PARL.

John Matthews has joined the Library Board as a citizen appointee for the Town of Amherst. John and his family are active library users and he previously served as Chair of the local United Way campaign. John's experience and interest should make him a great asset to the board.

The Library Board has recently approved a new mission statement for the library which reads: "to promote life-long learning and recreation, fostering an appreciation of literature at all ages, by providing free access to the world of media and technology to the residents of Cumberland County."

Last but not least, Cumberland County was successful in the second round of broadband applications and as a result high speed internet connections will soon be available in Parrsboro, Advocate Harbour, River Hebert, Joggins, Wallace, Pugwash, Wentworth and Malagash.

Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)

The 2003 joint NSLA/LBANS Conference was a success by all accounts! Approximately 150 people attended the event at the Dundee Resort and Golf Club, including conference delegates participating in 18 Pre-Conference and Conference workshops, speakers, conveners and exhibitors. Keynote speaker Silver Don Cameron, ably addressed the conference theme to a full house, reflecting on the early and continuous roles that libraries have played in his life. More than 30 presenters were involved in the conference, delivering words to inspire, create and encourage growth in the library system. ECRL extends a thanks to all who helped make this year's conference a success!

ECRL Conference Committee members, Aurea Gillis (far left) and Lesley Carruthers (far right) flank Dr. Norman Horrocks, Scarecrow Press and Professor Emeritus, School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University, and Sara MacRae, CURL Board member, at NSLA/LBANS Conference.

Children's author and illustrator Marthe Jocelyn, captivated audiences during *TD Canadian Children's Book Week* on her 3-day tour throughout Cape Breton on Nov. 3, 4, & 5. Ms. Jocelyn has written and illustrated several picture books *A Day with Nellie*, *Hannah's Collection*, *Hannah and the Seven Dresses*; novels for middle readers *Earthly Astonishments, The Invisible Enemy, The Invisible Harry, and The Invisible Day*, and is in the midst of publishing *Mable Riley,* her second historical novel. The 6-site tour was hosted by ECRL and co-sponsored by the Canada Council of the Arts, the Children's Book Centre, and participating schools. The author, accompanied by an ECRL staff member, traveled extensively during her whirl wind tour, reading at the following five schools: Cape Breton Highlands Education Centre, Inverness Education Centre, Whycocomagh Education Centre, Felix Marchand Education Centre in Louisdale, East Richmond Education Centre in St. Peter's and also at the Port Hawkesbury Library.

Author Marthe Jocelyn with a young patron at the Port Hawkesbury Library.

The 2nd annual *Share a Book-Build a Community* campaign got off to a great start with sponsor EnCana Corporation making a donation of $3,000 and agreeing to match all other donations dollar for dollar to a maximum donation of $8,000. Media sponsor, *101.5 The Hawk* provided on-site broadcasting for the launch of the event held on October 18. The 6-week campaign will conclude at the end of November. Special guests at the event included EnCana spokesperson, Lori MacLean; Board Chair, Joe Walsh; and members of ECRL staff. Patrons and visitors to the launch were treated to children's stories, face painting and refreshments.

Donald Green, 101.5 The Hawk, interviews Lori MacLean, EnCana Corporation at the launch of the *Share a Book - Build a Community Campaign*.

Staff presentations were made recently at the Petit de Grat Branch to Charlene Boni, shown here on the left and Pamela Samson.

Halifax Public Libraries (HPL)

CBC Explosion Project and Halifax Public Libraries

During the summer and fall of 2003, Halifax Public Libraries was one of many community partners working with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation on their *Halifax Explosion Project*. This project, one of the largest undertakings by the CBC to date, included a two-part mini-series, several television shows and documentaries as well as a major website http://www.cbc.ca/halifaxexplosion/.

What began as a website to complement CBC television's fall broadcast of the dramatic mini-series *Shattered City: The Halifax Explosion*, has evolved into a media-rich, comprehensive resource on one of the world's most significant and tragic historical events.

The aim of the site is to place the Halifax Explosion in historical context and to examine not only the events of the disaster itself, but the effect it had on everything from how emergency medical procedures are now performed to a generation of art, which reflects the Canadian experience.

Visually, the site is a unique combination of archival materials, beautifully colourized images and renderings of models built using high-end computer graphics. It also contains picture galleries, other assorted features, and close to 15 interactive components, all shaped with the help of local experts. Many of these components were also supplemented with CBC television and radio archival material.

HPL, on-hand during early website development discussions, contributed to the site by offering a link to its *Ask A Librarian* service - currently located on all internal pages of the Explosion site. Also available at several areas of

the site, is a link to the HPL's extensive *Explosion Resource* list - an exhaustive list of both fiction and non-fiction titles, reference materials and Explosion-related websites.

The site provides excerpts from the city council minutes from the day of the explosion; providing an interesting and detailed look at the reactions and actions of Halifax's Municipal government of the day to the Explosion. This information was identified and scanned by HPL's staff.

Working in partnership with CBC on this project was an extremely positive experience for both the library and CBC, who have shown interest in working more closely with HPL in the future.

Halifax Public Libraries Wins Industry Canada Award

HPL recently announced that it won Industry Canada's *LibraryNet Best Practices 2003* award. Through this award, Industry Canada recognizes leaders in the public library sector through their innovative public library projects. The criteria for this recognition include innovation, community engagement, community enhancement, improved service, user friendliness and transferability.

This year, HPL won under the heading *Community Enhancement* for its *IT Skills Project*, whereby the library developed an array of pre-packaged programs to meet customer demand for courses on IT-related topics. These *kits* allowed and continue to allow staff in each of HPL's 14 branches to present any one of nine IT skills programs to their community.

The *LibraryNet Best Practices Awards* were created in 1997 to encourage public libraries to share information, and learn from each other about using their technology and know-how to better serve their communities.

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (PARL)

Over the years, PARL has hosted many interesting and inspiring programs for the students of surrounding schools as a part of the community outreach policy. In late November the New Glasgow Library presented Lenore Zann,Truro born actress, to a class of theatre students from the North Nova Education Centre. For over two hours Zann held the grade eleven class in rapt attention as she recounted stories from her life in television, the theater, film and as a voice actress. During her talk, she performed a excerpt from her most recent project, *The Marilyn Tapes*, which she just finished performing at the Neptune Theater in Halifax.

Truro born actress Lenore Zann, shown here second from the right, poses with three of her new fans from the North Nova Education Centre.

South Shore Regional Library (SSRL)

Tale Spinners

Tale Spinners, SSRL's early literacy program, is winding down in Queens County but its success is still fresh in the minds of the 68 adults and 79 babies & toddlers who enjoyed the program. Children's programmer Heather Stevens was pleased with the program's early success and attributes some of that success to fostering

partnerships with local family support centres in rural areas as well as the fun, play group type setting. Parents or caregivers and their children received print material on reading tips and child development throughout the program, and as each child finished the program, they were given their own *Tale Spinners* bag, certificate and board book.

One young library patron who received his *Tale Spinners* bag and book after completing the program at the Liverpool Library.

Although most of the fall *Tale Spinners* sessions were held in Queens County, an early session at the Bridgewater Library is just finishing up. Tale Spinners will be offered in most Lunenburg County communities during February and March 2004. Tale Spinners is sponsored by a grant from the IWK External Grants Foundation and donations from several service clubs. 450 babies are born each year in Lunenburg and Queens Counties. Tale Spinners was so well received in Queens County that a Christmas storytime and sing along for the kids and parents is planned for early December.

Two moms help choose just the right book at the closing session of *Tale Spinners* at the Liverpool Library.

Adopt-A-Book

The 2003 *Adopt-A-Book* campaign is off to a smashing start on the South Shore! 127 books have been adopted just 16 days into the eight week campaign. Early indications are that this campaign will be even more successful than last year's, which raised $6,200 and resulted in 252 new books for SSRL. Already, generous donors have contributed over $3,000.

Show me the money! Bookkeeper Lynn Robart gleams with delight as donations pour in on opening day of the 2004 Adopt-A-Book campaign. In addition to gaining many new donors, a lot of past donors are increasing the size of their gifts to the Library.

Read To Me! Launch

SSRL Board Chair Don Zwicker offers remarks to the audience at the recent launch of the *Read To Me* literacy program at the South Shore Regional Hospital. The Library is pleased to be a partner in this initiative, which distributes books and other resources about the positive impact that reading, singing, holding and talking to a baby has in developing a foundation of language and reading.

The Raging Grannies vs. The Heaving Bosoms

SSRL employee Suzette Reilly got a terrific sendoff recently on her last day as ILL clerk. *The Heaving Bosoms*, SSRL's own musical entourage, took time out of their busy concert schedule to serenade Suzy with chart topping hits such as, Suzy Goodbye (to the tune of Irene Goodnight), The Retirement Game (Take Me Out to the Ball Game), Suzy, Suzy (Daisy, Daisy) and the ever popular (I wish they all could be) Molega Lake Girls (California Girls). The Heaving Bosoms can be booked through their agent, Bookem Dano at 1-800-BOSOMS!!!!! Suzy is looking forward to sewing, relaxing and spending time with her husband Ian.

SSRL's musical entourage *The Heaving Bosoms* pose for a photo op with retiring staff member Suzette Reilly. Left to Right: Janet Clark, Lynn Robart, Anne Everts,Suzy Reilly, Peggie Graham and Marion Moore.

Western Counties Regional Library (WCRL)

Library Celebrity Day

What do hockey players, bankers, ministers, police, business operators, journalists, politicians, educators and community activists have in common? Representatives from all these segments of the community participated in *Library Celebrity Day* at the Izaak Walton Killam Library in Yarmouth on Wednesday, Oct. 22. Coinciding with *Public Library Week*, *Library Celebrity Day* also fell in the middle of *Library Card Month*. Business people and community leaders were invited to reconnect to the power of their library by taking individualized tours of both branch facilities and headquarters. The arrivals were staggered at 30-minute intervals throughout the day so staff could highlight those areas of most interest to the individual.

WCRL's *Library Card Month* photo montage.

For instance, branch coordinator, Deputy Director Virginia Stoddard gave the sales manager for a local car dealership and an on-air radio personality special access to the H.R. Banks collection of Novascotiana, because the two trade local trivia questions as part of their regular on-air advertising feature. Needless to say, they were amazed by the depth and breadth of the collection, spent a delightful 30 minutes exploring the archives and spoke at length about it on radio the next morning. Children's librarian Joanne Head, focused on the library's digital music and movie collection, and its online library services during her tour with members of the Yarmouth Motor Mart Mariners Junior A hockey team. Public Relations Manager Belle Hatfield introduced the Chair of the Tri-County District School Board to the many services available to special needs clients. After the tours, the celebrities greeted library patrons and worked behind the circulation desk, passing out bookmarks and information to borrowers.

The Midweek Break at noon focused on the library and its mission to maintain the traditions of library service in the face of changing technology. WCRL's Public Relations Manager and Deputy Director spoke about the library's public face and what goes on behind the scenes to ensure that the library remains relevant and accessible to the people of southwestern Nova Scotia.

WCRL's latest fundraising project, the *2004 Library Calendar* was officially launched at 1 p.m. and CJLS Radio carried a live interview during the event. Fleurette Surette from the Yarmouth Public Library and Museum organized the refreshments. The launch offered an opportunity to boost awareness about the calendars, and celebrities enjoyed pitching them to patrons, selling 18 by end of day. On the basis of the reaction to this year's inaugural event, plans are to expand the event to include all WCRL branches next year.

The Barrington page of WCRL's 2004 calendar.

Reaching Out During Library Card Month

WCRL saw a seven per cent increase in library card members during its October *Library Card Month* campaign. Library card membership jumped in October from 18,383 to 19,777, an increase of 1384 active members.

Library representatives of WCRL made a house call at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital on Tuesday, Oct. 14 as part of the organization's *Library Card Month* campaign. South West Health, through its *Read To Me* and *Healthy Start* campaigns supports efforts to encourage literacy and a life-long love of reading. The hospital visit was just one aspect of *Library Card Month*. WCRL's goal this year was to reach out to the professional and business community. The strategy paid off, both in terms of new and renewed registrations, but also in terms of publicity. Stories were carried in media outlets as well as a live broadcast of *Library Report* on CJLS Radio from the hospital. Many didn't realize that library cards expire after three years and welcomed the opportunity to re-register. One staff member came with the pieces of a library card in her hand seeking a replacement for her daughter's card.

WCRL Deputy Director Virginia Stoddard registers a South West Health staff member during a card registration event held at Yarmouth Regional Hospital in association with *Library Card Month*.

Those who registered, or re-registered earned the chance to win a subscription to their local newspaper. Optipress Inc., publishers of the region's three English language weeklies, sponsors *Library Card Month* activities. Through the sponsorship, an insert about WCRL and its branches is produced and circulated in all three of the regional newspapers, *The Digby Courier*, *The Coast Guard*, and *The Vanguard*. As well, the paper sponsors advertisements in its newspapers, which run each of the four weeks of the campaign. The sponsorship also pays for brochures and bookmarks for the campaign.

This year the library also enjoyed support from Radio CJLS and Tusket Ford Sales and Services in the form of public service announcements, as well as the Yarmouth Motor Mart Mariners Junior A Hockey Team, who invited library staff to be their special guests in the skybox for a home game. As special guests, a representative

dropped the ceremonial first puck, during which a scripted announcement about the WCRL, Library Card Month and Public Library week was aired. There were around 1,500 fans in attendance.

WCRL's Public Relations Manager Belle Hatfield, automation trainer Verna Deviller and office manager Yvonne LeBlanc are all smiles in the skybox at the Mariners Centre as the hockey game goes on behind them.

As in other years, each of the branches reached out to area schools in an attempt to get 100 per cent registration of students and staff. Scholastic Inc. has again donated books as an incentive for schools to have their students registered.

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY NEWS

The Council of Regional Librarians held their Fall 2003 meeting at the Inverary Resort in Baddeck on October 23-24. This was the last CORL meeting for Ian MacIntosh, shown here on the far right, back row, who is stepping down as Regional Librarian of the Cape Breton Regional Library. Ian has been a CORL member since 1982. On behalf of the other CORL members, David Witherly thanked Ian for his contributions, presented him with a gift, and wished him well in the future.

A BASIC TOOLKIT: GOOD MANAGER AND GOOD EMPLOYEE SKILLS - TELECONFERENCE

On November 14, 2003, NSPL in partnership with CASLIS-Atlantic Canada Chapter hosted *A Basic Toolkit: Good Manager and Good Employee Skills,* the latest teleconference broadcast live via satellite from the College of DuPage. Fifty library workers from across the province gathered to hear Dr. Debra Wilcox-Johnson, of Johnson & Johnson Consulting, describe what she sees as the essential traits and competencies of a successful manager and productive employee. Dr. Johnson named good communication skills, flexibility, strong interpersonal skills, knowledge and continuous learning as the keys to success. Following the televised portion, participants discussed their experiences and concerns during a group session lead by Donna Hendy, Human Resources Manager, NS Department of Education. Donna helped the group explore workplace situations and gave examples of appropriate methods and means to diffuse difficult situations; increase employee satisfaction; and make the workplace more productive.

NOVA SCOTIA DIGITAL COLLECTIONS INITIATIVE

NSPL will participate in the *Nova Scotia Digital Collections Initiative*.

Digital Collections NOVA SCOTIA INITIATIVE

Activities over the past few months have focused on developing a logo, organizing group software evaluations, and planning. During the summer, the Steering Committee worked with Danielle Wilkins, graphic designer, to develop a logo for the initiative (sneak preview above), which will be incorporated onto the web site. Several members of the initiative from across the province have been taking part in a sixty-day trial period of OCLC's *CONTENTdm Digital Collection Management Software*. This trial allows users to download an acquisition station and build and catalogue digital collections. To kick off the trial, Andy Spilioe, Library Services Consultant, OCLC Canada, gave members a personalized remote multi-site demo of *CONTENTdm*. The Committee is looking into setting up a demo of Sirs's *Hyperion Digital Media Archive System* early in the new year.

At the meeting in December, the Steering Committee will work with staff from Dalhousie University, School of Library and Information Studies, and the Nova Scotia Community College, Library Information Technology program, to put in place a mechanism to match library students with digital projects. In addition, plans are underway to hold an open meeting in April to bring members together to discuss digital activities.

UPCOMING ONTARIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (OLA) AUDIO CONFERENCE

NSPL will offer the following OLA audio conference during the month of December.

HUMAN RESOURCE AND SUCCESSION PLANNING THINK BIG, START SMALL: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF YOUR LIBRARY with Vicki Whitmell, Principal Consultant, Whitmell & Associates will be offered Tuesday, December 16, 2003.
This session will address the fact that libraries could soon face a shortage of skilled librarians and other library staff in an increasingly competitive labour market. Join in to discuss what libraries should do to prepare for an aging workforce, and a new generation of professionals with a different set of expectations and realities for their careers. How to identify, train and promote those now working in libraries, and practical strategies and solutions to staffing through planning is examined.

Session will take place:
TIME - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. AST
WHERE: Training Room, Nova Scotia Provincial Library, 3770 Kempt Road
Admission is free.
Note: This is an audio session and does not include a video component.

Please respond to Bernadette Kennedy by phone (424-3791) or email kennedba@gov.ns.ca if you would like to attend. We respectfully request that you refrain from wearing any scented products, including perfume, hair spray, cologne, deodorant, etc. and we thank you for your cooperation.

NATIONAL INNOVATION AND COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM SUMMIT

PARL recently hosted a National Innovation and Community Access Program Summit in the north shore town of Pictou. Just over 100 delegates from across Canada and two from Ireland attended the very productive four-day event, which was sponsored by Industry Canada.

The theme of the meeting was *maireannachd* (pronounced marra-nock) a Gaelic word for "carrying on" or "moving forward". The phrase represents the current transitional stage faced by CAP and the hope that the program will be a part of Canada's future. The unique theme also recognizes the proud Scottish heritage of Pictou and Antigonish counties and the diverse makeup of Canada's people. Due to it's proven track record in the field of technology innovation, PARL was selected by Industry Canada to plan and develop this much-needed event. To highlight the relationship between CAP and it's place in rural Canada, a rural setting was chosen instead of a large metropolitan conference center. By all accounts this choice was a good one as many delegates applauded the town of Pictou for its hospitality and charm, and the warm weather.

The first two days of the conference were called *The Innovation Summit*, and was by invitation only. It showcased the best innovative practices used by organizers from across Canada and examined many important issues that included: the status of e-communities, service delivery, the digital divide, sustainable development, equal access for all citizens, and more.

The National CAP Summit, which ran on Saturday and Sunday, focused upon the sustainability needs of the program by asking the delegates what they thought it would take for CAP to continue and make Canada a global player in socio-economic development and information technology. Much to everyone's surprise, by the end of Saturday's session the delegates took it upon themselves to write a one - page declaration regarding CAP's future and the need for a national plan for concerned individuals to sign and forward to the Government of Canada. This document would soon become known as the Pictou Proclamation.

Punch Jackson, Director of Strategic Information and Libraries for the Province of Alberta, inspects the Service Nova Scotia Express Centre in the River John Library and Innovation Centre during the Summit.

This summit will mark the first time a public library has taken a leadership role in organizing such an event in Canada which included community technology access innovators from all levels and sectors of Canadian communities. The last National CAP Conference was held three years ago in Ottawa.

Attendees of the CAP Innovation Summit.

HOT TIPS AND UPDATES

CASLIS DINNER

On November 13, CASLIS Atlantic treated Bertrum MacDonald, Associate Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Management at Dalhousie University, and Madeleine Lefebvre, CLA President and Saint Mary's University Librarian, to a CASLIS-Atlantic tradition - a relaxed networking evening and dinner.

About 35 people gathered in *The Fireside* restaurant atrium to meet, mix and mingle in an informal atmosphere. A wide cross-section of professionals from the library/information community were in attendance. Conversational groups formed and re-formed throughout the evening, and dynamic discussion was easy to find. The combination of good food and excellent company resulted in a very pleasant evening for all.

REFERENCE ON THE NET

Here are some more reference questions referred to the Provincial Library by the Regional Public Libraries. they were answered using resources found on the Internet.

Q. Would like to find some free Internet sites which have information on surname meanings.

A. There are a number of web sites on this topic. Here are some of the more reliable ones to try when looking for this kind of information:

Last Name Meanings http://www.last-names.net/index.asp
Surname Origin List http://www.familychronicle.com/surname.htm
Surname Meanings & Origins http://www.lisagenealogy.com/Surmean/surintro.html
Last Name Origins http://www.genealogytoday.com/names/origins/
Surnames - Sources of Surname Information http://digiserve.com/heraldry/surnames.htm
Behind the Surname: the etymology and history o f surnames http://surnames.behindthename.com/
Glossary of Last Name Meanings and Origins http://genealogy.about.com/library/surnames/bl_meaning.htm

Q. The patron wants to know what the hand sign is in sign language for the word *resource*.

A. The *American Sign Language Browser* at http://commtechlab.msu.edu/sites/aslweb/browser.htm lists the word *resource*. For *resource* it says "the sign THING is made with an R handshape". You can see what the R handshape looks like at the *ASL Fingerspelling Dictionary* at http://where.com/scott.net/asl/abc.html and you can view an animation of the spelling of the word *resource* at the *ASL Fingerspelling Converter* at http://where.com/scott.net/asl/lookup.html.

LINKeD

This month's *Linked* column features some sites with free holiday clipart. Many clipart sites on the web are difficult to navigate and have frequent pop-up boxes which interfere with using them, but the sites featured here are well arranged and easy to navigate.

Holidays and Special Occasion Clip Art at http://webclipart.about.com/cs/holidaysspecial/ is an *About* guide and it is a very comprehensive source of clipart sites covering a variety of holidays. The clipart images on the sites listed here are free, but be sure to check the terms of use for each site.

Awesome Clipart for Kids: Holiday Clipart Index at http://www.awesomeclipartforkids.com/holidayindex.cfm has attractive clipart for the major holidays. The site works best in Internet Explorer.

Barry's Clipart Server at http://www.barrysclipart.com/ has a wide variety of clipart. To get holiday clipart click on *Holidays* in the listing on the left side of the page. Enter the keyword for the holiday you want in the search box at the top right of the page to get free clipart for that holiday. There is a *Terms Of Use* bar at the bottom of each page.

Discovery Channel School's Clipart Gallery: Season's & Holidays at http://school.discovery.com/clipart/category/seas1.html has clipart images in both colour and black and white. The clipart isn't arranged by holiday so you have to browse through the images to find those for a particular holiday. See *Copyright & Use Information* for conditions of use.

Kids Domain Holiday Clipart at http://www.kidsdomain.com/clip/ has a very attractive collection of free clipart for major holidays and special days. The producers of the site ask that if you use their clipart you provide a link back to their site.

Web sites which were featured in previous *Linked* columns are arranged by subject category on the Reference Services page of the Provincial Library web site at http://www.library.ns.ca/services/reference/index.htm. If you have any suggestions about future topics for this column please contact Carol Morris at morrisc@gov.ns.ca.

PROFESSIONAL READING

In this month's column, two recent additions to the professional collection are featured. These items can be borrowed through regular interlibrary loan channels. Please submit requests via email to Dale MacMillan at inshpl@nshpl.library.ns.ca.

Lipow, Anne Grodzins - *The virtual reference librarian's handbook*. New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2003. Call # : Prof 025 .52 Lip

This book is written for librarians new to virtual reference service. The author discusses the potential of current communication technology and relates it to large issues concerning the modernization of library service. The implication of new technology for reference interviews, policies and needs assessments are considered, and practical tools, including forms and checklists, are reproduced on the CD-ROM which is included with the book.

Pace, Andrew K. - *The ultimate digital library : where the new information players meet*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2003.
Call # : Prof 025 .00285 Pac

The author of this book advocates that libraries shift their current practices and create collaborative partnerships with vendors to provide better, more forward-looking services. He addresses issues such as ownership versus access; privacy versus personalized online services; open-sourced versus propriety databases; commercial versus homegrown; and adoption of dot-com solutions to library systems.

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